

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims in accordance with the following:

1. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A messaging system including a telephone based voice user interface, comprising:

a server storing each of a plurality of messages associated with at least two attributes;
and

a voice controlled unit interactively categorizing the plurality of messages according to the at least two attributes into overlapping lists of messages as requested by a recipient of the plurality of messages and retrieving said messages according to an order requested by the recipient via said voice user interface.

2. (ORIGINAL) The messaging system according to Claim 1, wherein the at least two attributes comprise an urgency indicator and a message received date.

3. (ORIGINAL) The messaging system according to Claim 2, wherein the at least two attributes further comprise a message medium indicator.

4. (ORIGINAL) The messaging system according to Claim 3, wherein the at least two attributes further comprise a message sender identity indicator.

5. (ORIGINAL) The messaging system according to Claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of messages is associated with a status that can represent one of at least three distinct statuses.

6. (ORIGINAL) The messaging system according to Claim 5, wherein the at least three distinct statuses comprise "new", "old" and "read".

7. (ORIGINAL) The messaging system according to Claim 6, wherein the at least two attributes comprise an urgency indicator and a message received date.

8. (ORIGINAL) The messaging system according to Claim 7, wherein the at least two attributes further comprise a message medium indicator.

9. (ORIGINAL) The messaging system according to Claim 8, wherein the at least two attributes further comprise a message sender identity indicator.

10. (ORIGINAL) The messaging system according to Claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of messages is associated with a tri-state.

11. (ORIGINAL) The messaging system according to Claim 10, wherein the tri-state can represent one of at least three states.

12. (ORIGINAL) The messaging system according to Claim 11, wherein the at least three states include "new", "old" and "read".

13. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A messaging system including a telephone based voice user interface, comprising:

a memory storing a plurality of messages, each message associated with at least two attributes; and

a voice controlled unit categorizing each message according to the at least two attributes into at least two overlapping lists of messages as requested by a corresponding recipient of the plurality of messages and retrieving said messages according to an order requested by the recipient via said voice user interface.

14. (ORIGINAL) The messaging system according to Claim 13, wherein the at least two attributes comprise an urgency indicator and a message received date.

15. (ORIGINAL) The messaging system according to Claim 14, wherein the at least two attributes further comprise a message medium indicator.

16. (ORIGINAL) The messaging system according to Claim 15, wherein the at least two attributes further comprise a message sender identity indicator.

17. (ORIGINAL) The messaging system according to Claim 13, wherein each of the plurality of messages is associated with a status that can represent one of at least three distinct statuses.

18. (ORIGINAL) The messaging system according to Claim 17, wherein the at least three distinct statuses comprise "new", "old" and "read".

19. (ORIGINAL) The messaging system according to Claim 18, wherein the at least two attributes comprise an urgency indicator and a message received date.

20. (ORIGINAL) The messaging system according to Claim 19, wherein the at least two attributes further comprise a message medium indicator.

21. (ORIGINAL) The messaging system according to Claim 20, wherein the at least two attributes further comprise a message sender identity indicator.

22. (ORIGINAL) The messaging system according to Claim 13, wherein each of the plurality of messages is associated with a tri-state.

23. (ORIGINAL) The messaging system according to Claim 22, wherein the tri-state can represent one of at least three states.

24. (ORIGINAL) The messaging system according to Claim 23, wherein the at least three states include "new", "old" and "read".

25. (ORIGINAL) The messaging system according to Claim 1, wherein the system can select a list of messages for presentation comprising an intersection of at least two of the overlapping lists.

26. (ORIGINAL) The messaging system according to Claim 25, wherein the system

selects the list of messages for presentation in response to a user input.

27. (ORIGINAL) The messaging system according to Claim 13, wherein the system can select a list of messages for presentation comprising an intersection of at least two of the overlapping lists.

28. (ORIGINAL) The messaging system according to Claim 27, wherein the intersection is a logical AND or logical OR of the at least two of the overlapping lists.

29. (ORIGINAL) The messaging system according to Claim 27, wherein the system selects the list of messages for presentation in response to a user input.

30-43. (CANCELLED)

44. (ORIGINAL) The messaging system according to Claim 1, wherein at least one of the at least two attributes corresponds to at least one non-user-defined field in an address book.

45. (ORIGINAL) The messaging system according to Claim 1, wherein at least one of the at least two attributes corresponds to at least one user-defined field in an address book.

46. (ORIGINAL) The messaging system according to Claim 13, wherein at least one of the at least two attributes corresponds to at least one non-user-defined field in an address book.

47. (ORIGINAL) The messaging system according to Claim 13, wherein at least one of the at least two attributes corresponds to at least one user-defined field in an address book.

48. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A messaging system ~~including a telephone-based voice user interface~~, comprising:

a server storing each of a plurality of messages associated with at least two attributes;
and

a telephone based voice user interface unit categorizing and retrieving the plurality of

messages where at least one of the at least two attributes corresponds to at least one non-user-defined field in an address book, and the plurality of messages are categorizable and retrievable in accordance with an order request by a user identified therein according to an order requested by the user via said telephone-based voice user interface, where at least one of the at least two attributes corresponds to at least one non-user-defined field in an address book.

49-51. (CANCELLED)

52. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of processing a plurality of messages, comprising:
associating at least two attributes with each of the plurality of messages; and
categorizing each of the plurality of messages into at least one of at least two overlapping lists of messages by a recipient of the plurality of the messages and retrieving the messages based on said categorizing in response to an order request by the recipient via a telephone-based voice user interface.

53. (ORIGINAL) The method according to Claim 52, wherein the at least two attributes comprise an urgency indicator and a message received date.

54. (ORIGINAL) The method according to Claim 53, wherein the at least two attributes further comprise a message medium indicator.

55. (ORIGINAL) The method according to Claim 54, wherein the at least two attributes further comprise a message sender identity indicator.

56. (ORIGINAL) The method according to Claim 52, wherein each of the plurality of messages is associated with a status that can represent one of at least three distinct statuses.

57. (ORIGINAL) The method according to Claim 56, wherein the at least three distinct statuses comprise "new", "old" and "read".

58. (ORIGINAL) The method according to Claim 57, wherein the at least two attributes comprise an urgency indicator and a message received date.

59. (ORIGINAL) The method according to Claim 58, wherein the at least two attributes further comprise a message medium indicator.

60. (ORIGINAL) The method according to Claim 59, wherein the at least two attributes further comprise a message sender identity indicator.

61. (ORIGINAL) The method according to Claim 52, wherein each of the plurality of messages is associated with a tri-state.

62. (ORIGINAL) The method according to Claim 61, wherein the tri-state can represent one of at least three states.

63. (ORIGINAL) The method according to Claim 62, wherein the at least three states include "new", "old" and "read".

64. (CANCELLED)